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Applicants: JOSEPH TRACY ET AL.) Attorney Docket No. VDLT.66937
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the final Office Action dated February 27, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the following changes be made to the present application. Replacement claims are attached hereto. As all claims have been added or deleted in their entirety and clear instruction for substitution has been made, it is believed unnecessary to submit a version with markings to show changes made. As such, no such version is submitted herewith.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 41-44 have been added to the present application. Accordingly, claims 41-44 remain pending. Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue canceled claims 1-40 in a continuation application if desired. It is believed that each of claims 41-44 is adequately supported by the specification as filed. It is further believed that each of claims 41-44 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in light of the prior art of record. No new matter has been added. As such it is Applicants' belief that each of claims 41-44 is in condition for allowance. Such favorable action respectfully is requested.